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FM AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA  
TO USSS WASHINGTON DC  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 6983  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI  
AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUJUMBURA 0417

PARIS PLS PASS U.S. SECRET SERVICE

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SOCI, ASEC, BY, KE  
SUBJECT: COUNTERFEITING CASE

REF: USSS 268, B NAIROBI 5925

1. EMBOFF EXAMINED BOGUS CURRENCY WITH SURETE  
OFFICIAL. THEY HAVE STACK OF 100 DOLLAR BILLS  
APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF INCHES THICK.  
CURRENCY APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN COPIED FROM THREE  
SEPARATE BILLS AS FOLLOWS (KEYED TO 7 FAM 253):

(A) 100 DOLLARS, (B) FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE, (B IN SEAL),  
C. UNKNOWN, D. J26840143B, (E) A, (F) 25, (G) UNKNOW, (H) NEW  
YORK; (A) 100 DOLLARS, (B) FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE (B IN SEAL),  
(C), 1974, (D) B54092647A, (E) A, (F) 25, (G) NONE, (H) NEW YORK  
ALSO BEARS A3 IN UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER; (A) 100 DOLLARS  
(B) FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE (B IN SEAL), (C) 1974,  
(D) E04693004C, (E) A, (F) 36, (G) NONE, (Y) NEW YORK ALSO  
BEARS A1 IN UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER. FIRST BILL WAS SHOWN US BY  
PRIME MINISTER. THE VAST BULK OF CURRENCY IS THIRD MODEL.  
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2. AGENT NOT NEEDED TO TESTIFY. GRB SEEKS HELP IN BREAKING UP  
OPERATIONS. IT HESITATES SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM KENYAN AUTHORITIES  
OR INTERPOL AND HAS TURNED TO US. IN MEETING APRIL 13, SURETE  
OFFICIAL ASKED EMBOFF FOR ADVICE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO DELAY  
INTERROGATING KATU WHO NOW BEING HELD ON UNSPECIFIED CHARGE.  
HE ALSO ASKED OUR REACTION TO PLAN TO SEND INFORMANT TO NAIROBI

TO TRY TO CONVINCE QUOTE BRAINS UNQUOTE OF OPERATION TO COME  
TO BUJUMBURA. WE INFORMED SURETE EMBASSY IS NOT COMPETENT  
TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON SUCH MATTERS.

3. EMBOFF DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF GRB MEETING WITH PARIS  
AGENTS IN NAIROBI MAY 11. SURETE OFFICIAL RESPONDED HE  
BELIEVED EARLIER MEETING DESIRABLE AND REQUESTED THAT USSS  
AGENT COME BUJUMBURA IF POSSIBLE.

4. EMBASSY UNABLE JUDGE MERITS OF COOPERATION WITH GRB IN THIS  
CASE. WE WOULD GAIN SOME CREDIT WITH GOVERNMENT AND THERE  
EVIDENT INHERENT THREAT TO U.S. CURRENCY INVOLVED. AT SAME  
TIME, WE NOT IN POSITION TO JUDGE PROFESSIONALISM OF BURUNDIAN  
POLICE AUTHORITIES IN THIS SPECIAL FIELD  
AND HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF COUNTERFEITING OPERATIONS IN CENTRAL  
AFRICA.  
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